

E' 44. Apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the part of animating image data comprises a low frequency part.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 36-37, and 40-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 36, and 37 are independent

Applicants have added new Claims 40-44 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and drawings and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

Claims 1-13, 24-37, and 39 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bonomi (newly-cited), Normille, and Nguyen, for the reasons detailed at pages 2-9 of the Office Action. Since Bonomi was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 17, 1994, Applicants will remove it as a reference by filing a sworn translation of the priority document for the subject application. The sworn translation is being forwarded to the undersigned and will be submitted to the Examiner immediately upon receipt thereof.

In addition, Applicants assert that the claims are fully patentable over the cited art since Bonomi (and the other cited references) fail to disclose or suggest the novel

combination of structure and steps set forth in independent Claims 1, 5, 36, and 37 whereby arbitrary editing is performed on decoded stored image data.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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